

# Physician Associate Examination Board

## Vacancies: Member of the Physician Associate National Examination Board

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The Royal College of Physicians (RCP) and the Faculty of Physician Associates (FPA) is seeking to appoint practising Physician Associates to the Physician Associate National Examination Board.

The RCP runs the Physician Associate National Certification and Recertification exam (PANE). The certification exam is a 14 station OSCE and 200 single best answer (SBA) exam sat by candidates who have qualified from UK physician associate programmes. They are then required to pass their National Certification exam before they can be declared fit to practice in the UK. Once they have passed their exam, providing they are a member of the FPA, they can then be registered on the Physician Associate Managed Voluntary Register (PAMVR).

### The objectives of the board

- to review and consider the analysis of the PANE on behalf of the RCP and FPA
- to decide and agree the result of the PANE on behalf of the RCP and FPA
- to standard set and verify the exam, ensuring the national and recertification examinations are valid, reliable and aligned to best clinical practice.

### Responsibilities

- exam board members must be available to attend to the duties of the exam board that relate to both the national and recertification examinations
- review the standard setting of questions
- review the pass mark with the results
- review the examination to confirm validity, reliability and quality of questions
- make recommendations to the PANE Development Group regarding modifications to the examination (format or process)

### Benefits

We offer the opportunity to network with colleagues, keep your knowledge up-to-date, take part in challenging discussions, be involved with the next generation of Physician Associates, shape the future of the profession, promote multidisciplinary working and continuing professional development.

By getting involved you can shape the future of the Physician Associate written and clinical examinations.

This is a non-salaried position, though all reasonable expenses and travel costs will be met by the Education Department in line with the RCP expenses policy.

The tenure of the appointment is three years. Subject to the agreement of the RCP Education Board,

individual tenure may be extended by up to a maximum of two years to ensure orderly succession planning.

### **Criteria**

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible to apply:

- be in active practise as a Physician Associate
- have at least 3 years post-qualification experience
- be registered and in good standing on the PAMVR
- be up-to-date as appropriate with relevant national guidelines, CPD requirements, employer's equality and diversity training and appraisal process
- interested in, but not necessarily expert in, medical academic assessments.

### **How to apply**

Applications for the post, including a CV and one-page covering letter outlining your suitability for the post should be submitted to Steven Ansty ([steven.ansty@rcplondon.ac.uk](mailto:steven.ansty@rcplondon.ac.uk)) by 30 July 2020.

For an informal discussion regarding the role please contact Steven Ansty, Deputy Head of Assessment on the above email address, or via 0151 318 1888.

The RCP positively encourages applications from suitably qualified and eligible candidates regardless of sex, race, disability, age, sexual orientation, transgender status, religion or belief, marital status, or pregnancy and maternity.